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## **Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

## NOTIFICATION

- 1. Notifying Member: <u>UNITED KINGDOM</u>
  - If applicable, name of local government involved:
- **2. Agency responsible:** The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and The Health and Safety Executive
- 3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Products (and associated GB commodity codes\*): Cultivated fungi (except oyster mushrooms) (0280010) and Oyster mushrooms (0280010-008)

  \* For reference, the full list of GB commodity codes is set out in Part 1 of the GB pesticides Maximum Residue Level statutory register which is made available here:

  FoodAndFeedProductsToWhichMRLsApply.pdf (pesticides.gov.uk).
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
  - [X] All trading partners
  - [ ] Specific regions or countries:
- 5. Title of the notified document: New temporary Maximum Residue Levels (tMRLs) for chlormequat amending the GB MRL Statutory Register. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 20

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/GBR/23 1441 00 e.pdf

**6. Description of content:** Chlormequat is an approved active substance in Great Britain. An application was received by the Health and Safety Executive to reassess the continued validity of the temporary MRLs (tMRLs) for chlormequat residues in cultivated fungi, including oyster mushrooms.

The tMRLs were previously established to address residues that may arise in cultivated fungi as a result of being grown on cereal straw lawfully treated with chlormequat. The latest monitoring data show that the tMRL of 0.9 mg/kg is still valid for cultivated fungi and the decision has been taken to re-establish this for seven years (except oyster mushrooms). For oyster mushrooms the latest monitoring data supports the decision to raise the tMRL from 6 mg/kg to 7 mg/kg and establish this for seven years.

The Evaluation Report and Reasoned Opinion supporting the new tMRLs is available at the following link. A complete list of the new tMRLs is available within this document, see page 5:

The evaluation of supplementary information to support the tMRL for chlormequat in or on cultivated fungi

These re-established tMRLs should be reassessed in seven years with the submission of monitoring data to confirm their continued validity.

7. Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [ ] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [ ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests.

8.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:
	[] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):
	[] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):
	[ ] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):
	[X] None
	Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?
	[]Yes []No
	If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: There are no Codex MRLs (CXLs) for chlormequat in or on cultivated fungi.
9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 10 February 2023
	Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 10 February 2023
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 10 February 2023
	[X] Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable
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